

Charter Commission

July 25, 2018 – 5:30 p.m.

Members Present: Donald Heinonen, Chuck Stombaugh, Casey McCarthy, Michael Meuers, Pamela Jorstad, Ben Stowe

Staff Present: City Attorney Alan Felix, City Clerk Michelle Miller

Chair Stowe noted a quorum and called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the June 27, 2018 meeting was presented for approval. Motion by Stombaugh, seconded by Heinonen to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Section 2.03 Council Composition and Election – Review Term of Mayor

Heinonen suggested that the term of the mayor should be four years. He also suggested adding another At-Large council position. Commission members discussed the issues surrounding the pros and cons of changing the term of the Mayor as well as the possibility of restructuring the council. Motion by Stombaugh, seconded by Jorstad to table the topic for further discussion and input from council members. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Section 2.05 and Section 4.03 – Review Timeline for Special Elections

The question of whether the timeline for conducting special elections was consistent with state statute. After further review of the statute and the charter with the City Attorney, it was concluded that the charter is consistent with state statute.

Members discussed the necessity of setting forth a more defined process for appointing council members under the charter created after a vacancy is declared.

Charter Commission Membership

There are two vacancies on the Charter Commission.

Next Meeting

A special meeting will be held on September 19, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Adjourn

With no further business, a motion was made by Heinonen, seconded by Jorstad, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle R. Miller
City Clerk